THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) The proposal to enact a Central Legislation for the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, which aims to enhance livelihood security to poor households in rural areas by providing atleast 100 days of guaranteed wage employment to every poor household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual labour, is under consideration of the Government.

Foodgrains provided to States under the Food for Work Programme

667. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry's Food for Work programme was initiated in a number of States during the current year;

(b) if so, whether a number of States have asked for more foodgrains to implement the scheme;

(c) if so, how many States have started implementing this scheme;

(d) what were the foodgrains provided to each of them; and

(e) whether the Centre has received report from these States about the utilization of foodgrains supplied to them under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTAPATIL): (a) to (e) Anew poverty alleviation programme, National Food for Work Programme (NFFWP) has been launched from the month of November 2004 in 150 most backward Districts of the Country to generate additional supplementary wage employment with food security. All the 27 State except Goa have been covered under the programme. It is being implemented as a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme. It is an allocation-based programme. For the current

year, an amount of Rs. 2020 crore as cash component and 20 lakh tonnes of foodgrains have been allocated. Against the allocation, an amount of Rs .297.91 crore has been released as a part of the initial instalment of the Cash Component besides entire release of 20 lakh tonnes of foodgrains to all the selected Districts. State-wise allocation/release of resources is in the enclosed Statement. (See below) Since the programme has just started, its reporting is expected to start within next two-three months.

Statement

(Rs. in lakhs)

Foodgrains in (MTs)

Sl. No.	States	No. of Districts	'Allocation of funds	Release of part of Initial Instalment of cash component	Allocation/ Authori-zation of foodgrains
1.	Andhra Pradesh	8	12766.08	1600.00	125413
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	127.16	127.16	"1249
3.	Assam	5	11093.88	1000.00	108984
4.	Bihar	15	27603.72	3000.00	271183
5.	Chattisgarh	10	11099.79	2000.00	109045
6.	Gujarat	6	4175.02	1200.00	41042
7.	Haryana	1	294.57	200.00	2894
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1	317.63	200.00	3121
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	2	516.56	400.00	5074
10.	Jharkhand	14	23614.38	2800.00	232004
11.	Karnatka	3	3057.43	600.00	30038
12.	Kerala	1	571.84	200.00	5618
13.	Madhya Pradesh	15	16521.89	3000.00	162310
14.	Maharashtra	11	14159.67	2200.00	158998
15.	Manipur	1	266.06	200.00	2614

1	2	3	4	5	6
16.	Meghalaya	1	362.46	200.00	3562
17.	Mizoram	1	63.66	63.66	626
18.	Nagaland	1	303.72	200.00	2984
19.	Orissa	18	23289.54	3600.00	228863
20.	Punjab	1	748.65	200.00	7356
21.	Rajasthan	5	4040.59	1000.00	36269
22.	Skkim	1	210.42	200.00	2068
23.	Tamil Nadu	4	5070.57	800.00	49815
24.	Tripura	1	1028.60	200.00	10105
25.	Uttranchal	2	1060.67	400.000	10418
26.	Uttar Pradesh	15	27568.84	3000.00	270779
27.	West Bengal	6	11966.60	1200.00	117568
	TOTAL	150	201900.00	29790.82	2000000

* Rs One crore have been kept for other expenditure *e.g.* IEC, HRD and other administrative expenses at the Ministry level.

** Foodgrains Allocated to Arunachal Pradesh but yet to be authorized becuase Arunachal Pradesh has been exempted from lifting of foodgrains on their request under the SGRY. The foodgrains will be authorized as per demand of the State Government.

Delay and cost escalation in PMGSY

668. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether PMGSY has been delayed by about five years and cost escalation 100 per cent has aleady taken place in the project;

(b) if so, whether Minister has pointed out that the programme which was to be completed by the end of Tenth Five Year Plan is likely to be completed by the end of eleventh Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, the main reasons in its delay and whether Government are considering to stop this project or has decided to continue;